



MINUTES



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION JUNE 18, 2008

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rivera, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Spencer

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Harlow, Kirkorn, Mason, McGovern, Rivera and Siersema were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Todd Broussard, Acting City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Duncan Lee, Principal Civil Engineer
Dave Dominguez, Community Services
Linda Daily, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to approve the minutes of May 21, 2008.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Harlow)

PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. Travis Hopkins requested that item G-4 be moved forward and heard as the first G item as a representative from Community Services, Dave Dominguez, was in attendance to answer any questions. By moving the item forward Mr. Dominguez would not need to stay through the remainder of the meeting. The Chair and Commission agreed to move G-4 to the front of the G items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – An update on active capital projects under construction, as well as those in the planning stage was presented for the Commission's information.

Clarification of NTP (Notice to Proceed) was requested by Commissioner Siersema. He then asked for an update on the Warner Avenue gravity feed issue. Mr. Hopkins responded the city continues to meet with the contractor and legal staff to reach agreement and is moving forward. The city is still in negotiations with no legal determination of responsibility being made at this time.

Commissioner Siersema then asked about the status of the traffic signal at Newland and Hamilton. Bob Stachelski responded the design is moving forward. There has been a conflict with an oil line and the widening project that has caused some delay. It is anticipated the project will return to the Commission in mid summer for approval.

Commissioner McGovern asked if the Orange County Sanitation District was still considering taking over the lift station. Travis Hopkins responded they continue to be receptive and are being kept informed of the progress of the line issue.

Mr. Hopkins then provided an update on the City Hall retrofit. The project is approximately 30% complete and on schedule. City staff is tolerating the current noise level. Other space has been available if needed. Drilling has been scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays to keep staff disturbance to a minimum.

Commissioner Harlow left the room at 5:12 p.m.

- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – The City Council conducts public Study Sessions on the evenings of City Council meetings, normally beginning at 4:00 p.m., in Room B-8. A tentative listing of upcoming sessions is submitted for the Commission's information. Travis Hopkins informed the Commission the CIP Update was presented at the June 16,

2008 Study Session and The Proposed Water Management Program and Update on Water Supply is scheduled for July 21, 2008. Depending on Study Session items, the sessions start typically at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. We will keep the Commission informed of the scheduled start time for the July meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioner Harlow returned to the room at 5:17 p.m.

- G-4. Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2008/09 – Travis Hopkins presented the item. The report is similar to the report presented last year. This report is for Fiscal Years 2008/09 through 2012/13. Mr. Hopkins then identified three projects, the Parks Master Plan, Encyclopedia Lots, and Youth Sports Grants that are Public Works projects and are being handled by other departments and were removed from the CIP. Dave Dominguez, Community Services Facilities, Development and Concession Manager, was in attendance to answer questions. The eighth field will be constructed at the Sports Complex. Demand for use justified the installation and has been approved by the Parks Commission.

City Council has approved the installation of between five to seven modular restrooms along the bluff top at the city beach north of the pier. Costs will determine the number installed. Commissioner Mason inquired if water and sewer will be connected with Todd Broussard responding they will include electrical and water hookups. The consultant is still evaluating for sewer connection.

Commissioner Siersema inquired about security concerns with the SCADA system. Mr. Hopkins responded the city is looking at options with Information Systems.

Commissioner McGovern stated he noted an increase in the budget for tree petition streets and asked if that is realistic. Mr. Hopkins responded funding is available through two propositions recently passed. The propositions have also provided funds for an increase in the residential paving budget.

Dave Dominguez informed the Commission the Edison Youth Sports Complex is being done in phased improvements. The scope of the Master Plan has not been changed but has increased funds in the phasing. The project will be four phases to completion.

Commission inquired about funding for various maintenance issues and if there is any block grant funding available. Mr. Hopkins responded staff

continues to look for various grant funding however most grants require a statement of what the funds will be used for and have specific guidelines.

Motion by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Siersema to recommend the proposed FY 2008/09 CIP to City Council.

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-1. FY 2007/08 Arterial Rehabilitation, CC-1320 – Todd Broussard presented the item. Construction consists of removing of failed pavement areas, cold milling, sealing cracks, constructing asphalt concrete overlay, and traffic signing and striping. Pedestrian walkway areas will be rehabilitated, where feasible, to meet current ADA requirements. Parkway landscape along with tree removal and replacement will also be evaluated.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Harlow to recommend to the City Council the FY 2007/08 Arterial Rehabilitation, CC-1320.

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Update of Speed Surveys and Speed Limits – Bob Stachelski presented the item. The California Vehicle Code requires periodic review and updating of posted speed limits on various streets within the city. Posted limits enable the Police Department to continue using speed-measuring devices for enforcement. Staff performed the three required elements used to establish posted speed limits in accordance with procedures adopted by the State of California. During this survey 66 street segments were surveyed. Of those 66, 54 segments require no change with four segments recommended for a five mile per hour (mph) increase and eight segments resulting in the recommendation of a five mph decrease. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to concur with staff's recommendation for posted speed limits as summarized in Attachment 1, mapped in Attachment 3, and presented in detail in Attachment 4, and recommend that the City Council take appropriate action to implement the speed limit changes.

The recommendation includes reaffirming current speed limits on 54 of the 66 surveyed street segments. Five mile per hour (mph) speed limit increases are recommended on the following four street segments:

- 1) Bolsa Chica Street from Edinger Avenue to Rancho Road - from 45 to 50 mph
- 2) Edwards Street from Warner Avenue to Edinger Avenue - from 40 to 45 mph
- 3) Promenade Parkway from Gothard Street to Main Street - from 30 to 35 mph
- 4) Yorktown Avenue from Lake Street to Beach Boulevard - from 35 to 40 mph

Five mile per hour speed limit decreases are recommended on the following eight street segments:

- 1) Bushard St. from Brookhurst St. to Hamilton Ave. – from 45 to 40 mph
- 2) Bushard St. from Hamilton Ave. to Indianapolis Ave.– from 45 to 40 mph
- 3) Bushard St. from Indianapolis Ave. to Yorktown Ave. – from 45 to 40 mph
- 4) Huntington St. from PCH to Atlanta Ave. – from 35 to 30 mph
- 5) Lake St. from Orange Ave. to Indianapolis Ave. – from 35 to 30 mph
- 6) Newland St. from I-405 to Edinger Ave. – from 45 to 40 mph
- 7) Palm Ave. from Goldenwest St. to Seapoint Ave. – from 40 to 35 mph
- 8) Saybrook St. from Humboldt Dr. to Edinger Ave. – from 40 to 35 mph

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-3. Traffic Signal Installations (CC-1322) - Springdale Street and Heil Avenue Center Avenue at One Pacific Plaza – Bob Stachelski presented the item. Mr. Stachelski clarified the item is actually modifications to existing traffic signals at these two locations. The Springdale Street at Heil Avenue location has been identified as requiring north-south left turn arrows based on collision history and the presence of a significant number of school-age pedestrians.

The intersection of Center Avenue at One Pacific Plaza was identified as requiring the installation of left turn arrows due to the existing curvature of Center Avenue to the east of the intersection that impacts the sight distance for eastbound left turning traffic. The existing protected-permissive left turn indications will be removed and replaced with

standard left turn indications, where a left turn can only be made on a green arrow.

Motion by Commission Mason, seconded by Commissioner Harlow to recommend to City Council the modification of the traffic signals at Springdale Street at Heil Avenue and Center Avenue at One Pacific Plaza.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kirkorn asked Mr. Hopkins if he had any information regarding the shopping cart issue he brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Hopkins responded he had asked for a response from Code Enforcement on the process with a shopping cart being left away from a shopping center is reported and he has not had a response. He will follow up.

Chairman Rivera asked that a representative from Code Enforcement be invited to attend the next meeting to answer questions. Mr. Hopkins will make the request.

Commissioner Mason inquired why the Edinger landscape project that was originally presented with the Sea Isle Garden Club as being responsible for landscaping and maintaining the landscape now a city project. Travis Hopkins and Todd Broussard responded to questions. Staff was successful in obtaining a grant for the landscaping. The Sea Isle Garden Club will now pay 30% of the landscaping costs, the City will pay the other 30% and the grant will cover the remaining 40%.

Mr. Mason asked if the city is now responsible for the maintenance of the landscaping, the maintenance and repair of the irrigation equipment, and the water to maintain the area. He inquired on how the decision was reversed from the Sea Isle Garden Club being responsible. Discussion ensued. The Commission made the decision to write a letter to the City Council objecting to the change in responsibility. Mr. Mason volunteered to work on the letter that will be brought back to next month's meeting as an agenda item for review of the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

George Rivera
Chair

Joyce A. Greene
Administrative Assistant

